

**PARK & RECREATION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2002**  
**6:30 P.M.**

- Call To Order:** The Parks & Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St. President Jack Harmon called the meeting to order. Members present were Tracey Phillips, Wilma Jo Kile, Charlie Brown, Tim Shuppert and Denny Corn. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Attorney Julie Newhouse, Mayor Bob Bridges and Jan Voiles of the *Rushville Republican*.
- Minutes:** Minutes of September 10, 2002 and September 30, 2002 was presented for approval. Shuppert moved to approve minutes. Corn seconded. Motion carried.
- Reports:** Parks Director Mathews reported that Jerry Petro with the R. T. I. Paint Company is scheduled to come to the pool this week. He will inspect to see why the paint is peeling. The paint had a one-year warranty. Mathews stated he would see if they are going to take responsibility.  
When the pool was drained the paint peeled back up.  
Shuppert asked how much has peeled? Mathews stated almost all of it.  
Corn questioned what was used for paint? Mathews stated it was a gel epoxy.  
Mathews stated it is not near as bad as last spring.  
Mathews will report back to board after Petro's visit and he will know more of what responsibility they will take when they get here.
- Brown stated that we need to plan ahead. We can't wait and have another year like last year. He received so many complaints about the pool's opening being delayed.  
Corn suggested taking care of the pool this fall.  
Harmon questioned if we take care of it this fall what will happen to it over the winter?  
Corn stated he feels it's worth a try. See what it is going to do.  
Mathews stated this is not a solution for a permanent fix but certainly worked out for this summer.  
Mathews again stated that hopefully this week he would get results and answers.  
Corn told Mathews if he could get it fixed, go ahead, don't wait for the next meeting. Go ahead and get it fixed.
- Mathews reported that the Horseshoe Tournament was a big success.
- Claims:** Reviewed prior to meeting by Shuppert and Corn. Corn moved to approve claims for the month. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.
- Unfinished Business:** Discuss Halloween Parade and Haunted House - Sharpe reported that things are well under way for this event. She is collecting money and to date we have \$415.  
A treat bagging party will be on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall. We will bag 500 treat bags and would appreciate any help or donations of candy.  
On Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 meet at the Memorial Park Shelter House to discuss and design the Haunted House.

Unfinished Business Continued:

On Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 meet at Memorial Park Shelter House to construct the Haunted House. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.  
We will decorate on the 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be four age groups this year with three judges per group. Each winner will receive a \$20 gift card from Wal-Mart and a Treatzza Pizza from Dairy Queen. Dairy Queen has also graciously donated 500 free treat certificates for all kids to be put in the treat bags and Treatzza Pizza's for the winners in each group.  
Sharpe stated she feels it will be bigger and better this year and asked for any help, ideas or suggestions she can get.

New Business:

Discuss Request for Handicap Pull Off @ War Memorial Bridge -  
Mathews stated he has received a request from an elderly lady who admires the new Veterans War Memorial Bridge. She asked if there is any way to come up with a handicap pull off and walk path over to the bridge.  
Mathews stated he did check this out and feels it is quit a distance to pull over into the gravel area.  
Mathews said he is suggesting a two-car pull off.  
Shuppert questioned how big the area has to be?  
Mathews stated that this is a request not a complaint. He stated it's not easy to get a wheelchair through the grass.  
Mathews stated he does not have any cost figures at this time. If the board accepts this request he would pursue it and get some figures.  
Newhouse asked Mathews for a ballpark figure.  
Mathews said he had no idea.  
Newhouse stated that the DAR (Daughters of American Revolution) does have funds for these sorts of things. She could request some funds for this project.  
The location of the area was then discussed.  
Mathews feels it would be better to put the parking area on the North side of the bridge.  
Brown stated we should check with disabilities guidelines and see what guidelines there are for parking spaces.  
Mathews stated this is a pretty area and wants it to be attractive.  
Shuppert suggested a pull off instead of a parking area. This way the car can pull over and unload the handicap person and then go park in another place such as the bank or the gravel area there.  
Kile stated she feels the pull off and walk way to the bridge might be better.  
Mathews invited all to check out the area and see what they feel would be the best. Mathews will get figures and also have Newhouse check with the DAR for possible funding.

There being no further business, Brown moved to adjourn. Phillips seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

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JACK HARMON, VICE PRESIDENT

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TRACEY PHILLIPS, VICE PRESIDENT

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WILMA JO KILE, MEMBER

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TIM SHUPPERT, MEMBER

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CHARLES BROWN, MEMBER

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ATTEST:

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CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY